

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-6887

AN ACT CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION MANAGEMENT AND FISCAL

Title: ACCOUNTABILITY.

Vote Date: 2/27/2025

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 2/11/2025

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee.

REASONS FOR BILL:

Proposed Substitute Bill HB-6887 mandates that no later than October 1, 2025, and on a quarterly basis after, all constituent units must report to the Comptroller all information regarding financial expenditure and budget to via the central office of the Comptroller in a format prescribed by the Comptroller.

Raised Bill HB-6687 seeks to increase fiscal trust between the residents of this state and the Board of Regents for Higher Education and the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut. In requiring stricter regulations regarding spending (Use of P-cards, state vehicles, and universal training about finances and use of government funds by certain executives), addresses a fear surrounding absconding of funds and other such dilatory practices pursuant to the function of the state's higher education faculties.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[CSCU, Chancellor, Terrence Cheng](#): Supports this bill because it will help create a consistent culture of compliance, transparency and accountability.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[CT resident and US Citizen, Susan Bradford](#): Supports this bill and stricter requirements for the use of Purchase Cards, travel expenses, financial expenditures, audits, residency requirements, and other conditions.

[4 C's, SIEU 1973, President, Seth Freeman](#): Supports this bill because it increased transparency and responsible use of funds to serve students in a more equitable way.

[Connecticut AFL-CIO, President, Ed Hawthorne](#): Supports this bill because it may encourage individuals to enter nursing careers and remain in Connecticut, benefiting the healthcare sector in the state.

[CPA, CIA, Tammy Raccio](#): Supports this bill because it creates better transparency, specifically the internal audit office within the Board of Regents for Higher Education. Also, the proposal for uniform policies related to the use of purchasing cards, state vehicles, and executive residency requirements prevents misuse of funds.

[House Republican Caucus, House Minority Leader, Rep. Vincent Candelora](#): Supports this bill because it increases trust in the state government by reducing misuse of funds.

[Nancy Comeau](#): Supports this bill because it brings the state into line with the regulations imposed on the private sector regarding use of credit cards at certain places.

[Concerned Citizen of CT, Peter Greenwood](#): Supports this bill because it creates accountability for wasteful spending within this state's government.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

[Stop Trans on FASFA, Concerned Grandfather, DJ Milam](#): Opposes this bill and brings up opposition to FASFA regulation and statutes.

[University of Connecticut, UConn](#): Opposes this bill and brings up a few challenges that should be considered from the committee, including from Sections 2 and 4 as they already have rules in place regarding p-card spending and motor vehicles, along with quarterly reports. Also, as to the migration to CORE-CT would cost more than \$60M to migrate UConn Finance and UConn Health Human Resources/Payroll and Finance into CORE, of which the University does not have. They oppose any process of determining consistent classification and compensation for employees not represented by a collective bargaining agreement.

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